

# State of North Carolina



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## WORLD KIDNEY DAY

2007

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 1 in 9 American adults, more than 20 million people, suffer from Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD), and World Kidney Day is designed to build kidney disease awareness, educate those at risk about the importance of early detection and the role of family health history; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Kidney Foundation, many people do not even know they have CKD, or even that they are at increased risk for developing it; and

WHEREAS, diabetes and uncontrolled or poorly controlled high blood pressure are the two leading causes of CKD; and

WHEREAS, more than 300,000 patients in this country suffer from kidney failure and need dialysis to stay alive, including over 12,000 North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, early detection can dramatically slow the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Kidney Foundation, there is now strong scientific evidence that early detection, altering lifestyle factors and aggressively controlling blood pressure, can not only slow or halt the progression of patients with CKD to end-stage renal disease (ESRD) but can also significantly reduce the incidence of cardiovascular disease that leads to premature death in the majority of these patients;

NOW, THEREFORE, I MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 8, 2007, as "**WORLD KIDNEY DAY**" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to learn more about CKD, attend a free screening and actively speak to their medical professionals about kidney health.



*Mike Easley*  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-second day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.